Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I tried to explain the position with sufficient clearness. The Chengannur riot case has already commenced trial. It is a case in which 200 accuseds and 146 witnesses are involved. The case itself will take at least 4 months. A court and a pleader have to devote their entire time to the conduct of this case. There are already 3 courts in the Quilon District, one of which will be in charge of this case. The other two courts cannot suspend sittings. One Judge will be fully engaged in the sessions work while the execution work and the other civil work will be looked after by the other bench. If that is so, one pleader is inadequate. The honourable member's suggestion that we have more courts than we actually require and therefore more pleaders than are really necessary is worth considering. For every District Court there must be a pleader, and until any court is abolished there is no question of superfluity of Government pleaders. At present the question of abolishing courts and making available the services of any pleader for any other special work could not be dealt with. I have explained why an additional pleader is necessary for the Quilon Court. I request the honourable member will withdraw his objection. The other question to which the honourable member refers is more complex and will be dealt with later.

President: The question before the House is that a sum of Rs. 1,675 under demand III—Administration of Justice—be granted.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND X—PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION.

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi: Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 1,000 under Demand X—Public Health and Sanitation.

The amount is required for payment of rent for the building in which the office of the Director of Public Health is now housed. Till the beginning of Kanni this year, the office had been housed in a Government building near the Collegiate Hostel. That building was requisitioned by the University for the use of the University Union. It was therefore, handed over to the University and the Director's office shifted to another building. As no Government building was available for the purpose, a private building, situated very near the Public Offices, has been hired. The terms are more favourable than those that prevailed when another office had been accommodated in this building. As this is a new service not contemplated when framing the budget, I hope the House will have no objection in sanctioning the grant.

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President: The question before the House is that a sum of Rs. 1,000 under Demand X—Public Health and Sanitation be granted.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XI—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INCLUDING WATER WORKS AND DRAINAGE.

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 4,13,767 under the following heads:

(i) Repairs to rain damages to tanks and channels in the Kodayar Project—Rs. 18,900.

(ii) Repairing the buildings at Oolampara for the accommodation of the Armed Reserve—Rs. 17,000.

(iii) Expenditure on account of the P. W. D. Advisory Committee—Rs. 1,860.

(iv) Additional grant for the Water Works and Drainage Schemes in the State—Rs. 3,76,007.

In moving this motion I may explain the position relating to each of these items. Government have sanctioned the constitution of a Committee for improvements and restoration of tanks within the area commanded by the Kodayar Project. A sum of Rs. 25,000 was made available in the Budjet for 1115 for such works. The Committee *inter alia* earmarked the whole of this amount for improvements of some tanks. It is found during the month of Medom 1114 a lot of rain damages occurred in about 40 tanks and repairs have been undertaken and a sum of Rs. 9,000 is necessary for completing the works in those tanks. Further, during Thulam 1115 many breaches occurred in other Kals and tanks. For effecting the necessary repairs to these a sum of Rs. 5,000 is for the present found necessary. In addition to these, for the acquisition of tank beds, which have to be improved for purposes of irrigation, for meeting compensation charges nearly Rs. 4,900 is necessary. These items account for Rs. 18,900 which has now been asked for under this head.

The next item is repairs to the buildings at Oolampara for the accominodation of the Armed Reserve. The permanent Armed Reserve had to be increasd by about 500 men who had to be recruited owing to the political situation and these men were first accommodated in the Police Headquarters. Then they were shifted to the Old Brigade Barracks. But these buildings were required for the use of the Travancore University. The buildings there had therefore to be vacated. Now the buildings which were previously

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